

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fujihiko TOMITA et al. Application No.: 10/564,564 Confirmation No.: 2014 Filing or 371(c) Date: June 14, 2006 Title: MICROORGANISM CULTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF INSERTING BAG INTO CULTURING APPARATUS	Art Unit: 4112  Examiner: D. Henkel
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement issued on August 6, 2008, Applicant elects Group I, including claims 17-27, 30, and 31, for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant hereby reserves the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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